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Red Cross

The Red Cross continues to grow and the community is to be congratulated on their loyal patriotism in making this great drive a success, and those who have done so much to bring this success deserve credit. As this war goes on, you are all going to join to help our boys, and incidentally to show your heart is right. Why not join now and make it unanimous? There are only a few left, and we are not going to stop until everyone is in this great work.

It Is Up To Us

As the new year dawns upon us it is customary to make new resolutions. They are the easiest thing in the world to make, but they are not so easy to keep.

Most of us signed food pledges during the closing months of the Old Year and belong to the great circle of the Food Administration which reaches out all over our great country, and embraces some hundred million people. We promised meatless Tuesdays and wheatless Wednesdays. What a small saving this amounts to for each family, but what an enormous saving in the aggregate.

We are told that the visible amount of wheat that is available for our soldiers and our Allies is used up. What is available now for export must come from what is saved by our loyal American citizens by wheatless days. Let us then resolve that we will especially observe this day, and save for the great cause all that we can. Also to observe all other days that the Food Administration request.

No matter what personal sacrifices we may be called upon to make, let us remember that it is slight in comparison to the sacrifices our boys will have to make. Let us remember that we belong to the great army guarding the supplies, and that soldiers fight effectively only as they are well nourished and fed. Let us remember that our small personal sacrifices will bring our boys home quicker, and end this awful deluge of blood sooner, and that the supply of foodstuff that can be used will be measured only by our saving. Let us remember then that for our boys to be well fed, and our Allies to be well supplied, it is up to us.

If you have been saving food half heartedly, begin the New Year right by abiding by the requests and plans of the Food Administration.

RIVERVIEW

Too late for last week.

Sunday School is still progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Stiffel are guests of the Carsten family during the holidays.

Ella Smithson visited with Mrs. May Casey, Sunday.

Charley Collar is staying at Forsyth now so he can be nearer to school.

Miss Cuma Nave, who has been teaching the Walnut Shade School passed through here en route to Protem.

Mack Casey is in Forsyth, Monday. Mrs. Ingenthron's daughter, Mrs. Dunn is visiting her.

Mrs. Barth left for Caney, Kansas, Thursday.

Ralph Casey has gone to Riverton, Kansas.

The third quarter of our school ends this week.

Mrs. Shackelford and children attended the Christmas tree at Forsyth.

Claude Napier who has been in training at El Paso, Texas, is here on a visit to Grandpa Stiffel.

Marvin Davis who has been at Winfield, Kansas, is home on a visit.

Vernon Casey and Gertrude Ames were quietly married at Mr. Palmer's Walnut Shade last week.

We had a very pleasant time at our Christmas tree. Mrs. Ben Casey treated all the children and the teacher to

apples, pop corn and candy. The tree was beautifully decorated and well filled.

John and Archie Stealy, who have been visiting with their brother Elmer, have returned to Oklahoma.

Miss Eva Hull, who is teaching the Meadows school is home for a vacation.

Link Everett has come back from Riverton, Kansas, for a visit.

BRADLEYVILLE.

(Too late for last week.)

Come to Sunday School next Sunday. Ona Melton and Ruth Wright went to Garrison, Thursday.

Ed Golder is visiting with Bradleyville friends.

Hazel McPherson of Forsyth is visiting with home folks this week.

Bill Dines and wife of Witty, visited Sunday with Aunt Mary Dines.

Denzel Jackson made a flying trip to Forsyth, Friday.

The McPherson family reunion was held at Uncle Dock McPherson's Sunday.

Kyle Jackson of the S. of O. is visiting relatives of this place.

Pencie Savage left for Chadwick Saturday, to spend Christmas with her friends Goldie Rexell and Della Workman.

Enl Jackson was leader of the Christian Endeavor last Sunday night. Bryan Wright will be the leader next Sunday. We hope to see a large crowd out.

Rev. Ben James will lead in Bible reading Sunday.

Ed Mills was a Garrison visitor Saturday evening.

Mrs. Mills and daughter, Ella, returned home Sunday, after a few days visit at the old home place near Witty.

Ernest Nance of Garrison was in town Sunday.

Goldie McPherson and Beulah Jackson of Forsyth are visiting relatives of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Wright left Monday for Brown Branch, to spend Christmas with relatives.

Robert Blair returned from the West Monday night.

BLUFF

Fine weather at present although the thermometer goes down to zero quite often.

Miss Eva Hull took up her school work again Monday, after a Christmas vacation.

Otto Cupp came in Saturday from Iowa for a visit with home folks.

Misses Edith and Anna Thornton and brother Maxie, spent Christmas with Miss N. H. Case of Garrison.

Miss Flossie Deeds of Tulsa, Okla., is visiting at the home of Mrs. Davis, this week.

Tip Kithley came in last Monday for a short visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnhart came down from Nixa Friday, returning Sunday.

R. D. Whitley and J. C. Blanton made a business trip to Forsyth Saturday.

Harrison Gideon is visiting relatives and friends in Forsyth this week.

Ernest McCoy returned last week from Laurel, Nebraska, where he has been for some time.

Rev. O. F. Snow will hold service at Meadows Sunday, January 6.

CEDAR CREEK

(Too late for last week.)

Christmas will soon be here.

Miss Verna Brown left last Monday for Kansas City where she will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Ruttan.

Tom Gray passed through Cedar Creek on his way to Forsyth. Tom gained while he was gone. He went up horseback and came back in a buggy.

Lewis Cornett is carrier from Cedar Creek to Groom.

George Gray of Protem passed down last Saturday with a load of junk from Forsyth.

Miss Willa Coulter who is teaching the Rhodes School went home last Friday to spend Christmas with home folks.

There will be lots of cotton to pick in the spring as they didn't get through before the bad weather came.

J. D. Blankenship took a load of turkeys to Hollister last week. J. D. said he got a good price for them.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

As a result to the findings of a Fulton abstractor employed by E. M. Crump, assessor of Callaway county, to unearth hidden notes and mortgages held on Callaway county persons by outsiders it was revealed that Jackson county has fully \$150,000 earning interest here, a large part of which has been hidden from the assessor. Audrain county had \$50,000 lent in Callaway that also will be taxed this year for the first time and other counties have equally large amounts.

A movement has been launched to unite all women's clubs and civil organizations of the state in an appeal to the War Department to return Missouri's soldiers from Fort Riley and Fort Sill to a Missouri encampment, where they will receive proper care. The government will also be requested to send no more Missouri men to these camps.

Parm cheese-making offers opportunity for saving large quantities of food which otherwise would go to waste. A surplus of milk is produced on practically every farm. This surplus is usually fed to hogs. In view of the meat shortage, milk makes an expensive feed for hogs, when it could be made into cheese which is meat substitute.

Jeffious Archibald Bryan, 58 years old, great-grandson of Daniel Boone, and father of H. M. Bryan, district manager of the Bell Telephone Company at Sedalia, died recently. His mother, Elizabeth Callaway, a daughter of Jimmie Boone, was once carried away by the Indians.

Charles Meyer, captain of a St. Louis salvage company, and William Belrose, a member of the company, were killed when the salvage wagon on which they were riding was struck by an automobile. The two men were responding to a fire alarm.

Three brothers, Charles, 7, Leonard, 11, and Otto, 14, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Sharpe, were drowned in the Missouri River, near Watson, while skating. Other boys near by were unable to save the brothers when the ice broke.

Arrangements have been completed for the shipment within a week of three hundred thousand Missouri apples to the American training camps in France as gifts of St. Louis produce dealers.

A ninety-five-pound pig dressed for roasting was donated by Grady Springer, a young stockman, to the Red Cross, was sold at auction at Clinton and brought \$295. It was roiled four times.

Lieut. Col. J. M. McCord has been relieved of the duties of adjutant general and has been designated as executive officer for the administration of the Selective Draft Law for the state of Missouri.

Wholesale grocers of St. Louis have been instructed by the food administration to limit their sales of sugar to 500 pounds to each retailer every ten days. Consumers will be allowed to buy but five pounds every ten days.

Thirty-seven wrist watches to the thirty-seven Corder boys who are fighting for Uncle Sam are the Christmas gifts of the Corder community to its soldiers.

H. W. Wissman, who was shot and dangerously wounded, after he had been arrested for killing City Marshal St. Clair, of Malden, who attempted to arrest him for alleged disloyal utterances, denied that he is pro-German, but he said his parents live in Germany. He said he did not believe in war, and he explained his remarks against the Red Cross by saying he did not know what the Red Cross was. Wissman now is in the county jail at Kennett.

The circulation of a petition asking the county court to call a special election in January for the purpose of submitting to the electors a proposition to issue bonds for 2 million dollars for the construction of hard surface roads in Buchanan county has been completed.

Sixty students of a veterinary college were sworn into the national army in a body at St. Joseph recently. All had passed the necessary examinations and the government has accepted them for service as veterinarians in the veterinary reserve corps.

Ed House, age 40 years, and Holly Seien, 27, met instant death five miles east of Poplar Bluff, near Empire, when they came in contact with an electric light wire. The section crew of which they were members were felling a tree on the right of way of the Missouri Pacific when the tree fell, breaking a high power electric cable.

Claude Piersol, convicted of kidnapping baby Lloyd Keet, has confessed The Keet baby, he said, was poisoned by laudanum, administered to quiet it

WILL ACT ON COAL PROBLEM AT ONCE

Director General McAdoo Will Take Up Fuel Transportation This Week.

HELD A SUNDAY CONFERENCE

Critical Situation in New England to Receive First Consideration—McAdoo Names Secretary.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Freer movement of coal to districts suffering under the cold wave and the treatment of labor questions will be the chief railroad question dealt with this week by Director General McAdoo.

By the end of the week Congress is expected to be well along in the task of framing legislation guaranteeing railroads compensation on the basis of pre-war earnings. President Wilson is expected to go before Congress Thursday.

Confer on Fuel Situation.

The critical fuel shortage in New England engaged the attention of Mr. McAdoo today at a conference with heads of government agencies, who will submit recommendations to him tomorrow. One of the plans discussed most seriously today is the utilization of the water routes in shipping coal from Hampton Roads to New England.

Participating in the conference were Howard Elliott, president of the New Haven, and member of the Railroad War Board; Fuel Administrator Garfield, Interstate Commerce Commissioner Anderson, Walker D. Hines, newly appointed assistant to the director general; Edward Chambers, traffic director of the Food Administration, and J. J. Starrow, fuel administrator for New England.

Heads of the four railway brotherhoods, who conferred with President Wilson last week, were summoned today to confer next Thursday with the director general regarding the relations between labor and the government railroad administration. Although the brotherhood heads are not expected to press their demands for higher wages for some time, most officials believe the government will soon take up in a comprehensive way the varied requests for better pay and make a general readjustment which will increase wages slightly.

Oscar A. Price Named Secretary.

Mr. McAdoo today appointed as his private secretary of railroad work Oscar A. Price, who was director of publicity for the second Liberty Loan and previously was auditor of the Interior Department.

GUATEMALA CITY WRECKED

Central American Republic's Capital in Ruins Following a Series of Earthquake Shocks.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Guatemala City, capital city of the little Central American republic of Guatemala, has been laid in ruins by a series of earthquakes, which began Christmas day and culminated last night in violent shocks which completed the work of destruction. A cablegram to the Navy Department today said 125,000 people were in the streets without shelter, and that many were killed by falling walls.

Navy vessels in Central American waters have been ordered to the stricken city to render all possible assistance.

Following is the brief dispatch which brought the news of the catastrophe: "Bad earthquake yesterday, finished the work of others. Everything in ruins and beyond description as a result of last night's shocks. One hundred and twenty-five thousand people are in the streets. Part of the country is unusually cold and windy. Tents are needed badly. Many killed yesterday by falling walls."

NO PEACE WITH THE KAISER

The United States Government Will Treat Only With Teuton People, Washington, Declares.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The conditions surrounding Count Czernin's proposals for a basis of peace cause officials here to doubt their sincerity. There is a great disposition to feel that the object of the German plenipotentiaries is simply to protract the negotiations as long as possible without any expectation of an immediate peace agreement, with the double purpose of leading the German people to believe that their government really is desirous of making peace and of gaining time for the further strengthening of the German lines in the west.

Suspends Leave to Paris.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 29.—Under orders received from general headquarters, divisional commanders of the American forces today issued orders suspending temporarily Paris leave for all officers and men.

May Seize Army Uniforms.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Officers of the quartermaster's department today began an inventory of army uniforms held in stock by big clothing houses here, with a view of commandeering them

NO WAY TO EVADE THE INCOME TAX

EVERY GOOD AMERICAN EARNING FAIR LIVING WILL HELP TO PAY EXPENSES OF WAR.

RETURNS DUE BEFORE MARCH

Heavy Penalties Provided for Failure to File Them—Government Officials Will Be in Every County to Assist the Taxpayers.

Washington.—"Must I pay an income tax?"

That is the question that thousands of Americans are asking. The answer, in a general way, lies in this statement:

Every unmarried person having a net income of \$1,000 or more, and every married person or head of a family having an income of \$2,000 or more must file a return. These returns must be in the hands of the collector of internal revenue in the district in which the taxpayer lives or has his principal place of business between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

The man who thinks to evade this tax is making a serious error. Revenue officials will be in every county to check returns. Failure to make a correct return within the time specified involves heavy penalties.

"Net income" means gross income less certain deductions provided for by the act. The law defines income as profit, gain, wages, salary, commissions, money or its equivalent from professions, vocations, commerce, trade, rents, sales and dealings in property, real and personal, and interest from investments except interest from government bonds, or state, municipal township or county bonds. Income from service as guardian, trustee or executor; from dividends, pensions, royalties, or patents, or oil and gas wells, coal land, etc., are taxable.

Normal Rate Is 2 Per Cent.

The normal rate of tax is 2 per cent on net incomes above the amount of exemptions, which is \$2,000 in the case of a married person or head of a family and \$1,000 in the case of a single person. A married person or head of a family is allowed an additional exemption of \$200 for each dependent child if under eighteen years of age or incapable of self-support because defective. The taxpayer is considered to be the head of a family if he is actually supporting one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship or relationship by marriage, or if his duty to support such person is based on some moral or legal obligation.

Debits ascertained to be worthless and charged off within the year and taxes paid except income taxes and those assessed against local benefits are deductible. These and other points of the income tax section of the war revenue act will be fully explained by revenue officers who will visit every county in the United States between January 2 and March 1 to assist taxpayers in making out their returns.

Notice of their arrival in each locality will be given in advance through the press, banks and post offices. They will be supplied with income tax forms copies of which may be obtained also from collectors of internal revenue.

The bureau of internal revenue is seeking to impress upon persons subject to the tax the fact that failure to see this official in no way relieves them of the duty imposed by law to file their returns within the time specified.

The government is not required to seek the taxpayer. The taxpayer is required to seek the government. Persons in doubt as to whether they are subject to the tax or not or as to how to make out their returns, will readily understand, therefore, that a visit to this official may mean the avoidance of later difficulties.

The penalty for failure to make the return on time is a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000, and in addition 50 per cent of the amount of the tax due. For making a false or fraudulent return, the penalty is a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, and in addition 100 per cent of the tax evaded.

As to the Farmers.

The number of farmers who will pay income taxes has not been estimated by the government officials, but it is certain they will form a large percentage of the 6,000,000 persons assessed who never before have paid an income tax. The average farmer does not keep books but if he avails himself of the services of government experts who will be sent to aid him, it will not be difficult for him to ascertain the amount of his net income.

The farmer is making out his return may deduct depreciation in the value of property and machinery used in the conduct of his farm, and loss by fire, storm or other casualty, or by theft if not covered by insurance. Expenses actually incurred in farm operation may be deducted, but not family or living expense. Produce raised on the farm and traded for groceries, wearing apparel, etc., is counted as living expenditures and cannot be deducted.

Salaries paid by the state or a political subdivision of the state are exempt. A farmer holding the job of county supervisor, for instance, does not have to include his salary in his income tax return.

HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND CAMBRAI

Germans Launch Strong Attack Against British Over Front of Two Miles.

MADE SMALL TEMPORARY GAIN

After Securing a Foothold at Two Points They Were Ejected—Turks Lose Again.

London, Dec. 31.—There was heavy fighting today south of Cambrai. The Germans made a strong attack on a front of about two miles, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters tonight. They succeeded in gaining a foothold at two points, but later were ejected in part by British counter attacks.

The statement reads: "At dawn today the enemy made powerful local attacks on a total front of more than two miles against our position on the spur known as 'Welsh Ridge' south of Cambrai. In the center the enemy was repulsed, but on the right to the north of La Vacquerie, and on the left to the south of Marconing, his troops succeeded in effecting a lodgment in two small salients in our lines.

Recaptured Lost Positions. "Our counter attacks have ejected the enemy from a portion of these positions and we have taken a number of prisoners. The fighting is continuing in both localities. "Early this morning hostile raiding parties which attacked our positions in the neighborhood of Gonnelleu were repulsed with loss. "On the remainder of the front there was only the usual artillery activity on both sides."

Repulsed Attack Near Ypres. Saturday night the Germans attempted a strong local attack in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Staden railway, but were completely repulsed by British fire. The assault was made following heavy artillery action. A hostile raiding party was also driven off north of Passchendaele.

Another Gain in Holy Land. London, Dec. 31.—The forces under General Allen in Palestine have advanced another three miles along the Nabulus road, according to the official statement issued tonight, and after stubborn resistance have occupied Bireh, the ancient name of which is Beeroth. East of the road, Hizmeherah was taken; west of the road, the ridge of Rawilah and Khetireh was occupied.

On the center of the line mounted troops advanced to Khurbetha, Ibhaurith and Deirkeudis.

British Troops Route Turks. London, Dec. 29.—The British troops in Palestine have repulsed a Turkish attack north and northwest of Jerusalem, and made an advance of about two and one-half miles on a front nine miles along the Turkish right flank, says an official communication issued today.

The Turks suffered severe losses in the repulse, which came after the British pickets had been driven in.

Big Guns Busy.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Artillery duels are in progress along the entire northern front in the Italian theater, the infantry of both sides apparently being inactive, except for patrol encounters. Likewise on the front in France the artillery are doing the major part of the fighting. The Germans have not offered battle to the French on the Verdun sector north of the Caurieres Wood since Wednesday's sanguinary repulse. Snow and cold weather prevail over the entire line from Belgium to the Swiss border.

Air Fighters Win Praise.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Thursday, Dec. 29.—Further reports on the attempt of Austrian aviators yesterday to raid Treviso, which resulted so disastrously for them, emphasizes the brilliant work done by both Italian and British aviators.

Although eleven Austrian machines were brought down, only a few Italian airplanes were damaged. Five Italian and one British soldier were killed. Six Italian and eight British soldiers were wounded.

The British airmen brought down two machines and British anti-aircraft guns accounted for three more, six Austrians in these five machines being killed and four wounded. Among the prisoners is a young Austrian major who is unwounded.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Once again the Germans have endeavored to break the French front on the Verdun sector, but again have failed.

Two assaults delivered north of the Caurieres wood resulted in the defeat of the enemy and the infliction of heavy casualties.

Two Killed in Powder Explosion. Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 31.—Two men were killed and several injured late this afternoon when the black powder press house of the Dupont mill at Baccus, eighteen miles south of Salt Lake City, blew up.

Fix Butter Price in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 31.—The wholesale price of the highest grade of storage butter has been fixed at forty-five cents a pound for the Chicago district and forty-six cents a pound for the New York district.